

REMARKS

The Office Action of February 23, 2006 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Claims 25-28, 34-35, and 41-46 are pending in this application. Of these, claims 25, 34, 41, 43, and 45 are independent claims. This Amendment amends claims 26, 28, 43, and 45 and cancels claims 18, 20, 29-33, and 38-40.

1. Response to Claim Objections

The Office Action on page 4 objects to claims 26 and 28 due to informalities. This Amendment corrects the identified informalities in claims 26 and 28. Accordingly, these objections are believed to be overcome.

2. Indication Of Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action on pages 8-10 indicates claims 25-28, 34, 35, 41, and 42 are allowable and objects to claims 43, 44, 45, and 46 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The undersigned appreciates this indication of allowable subject matter.

To place claims 43 (and its dependent claim 44) and 45 (and its dependent claim 46) in condition for allowance, this Amendment amended claims 43 and 45 to incorporate the limitations of independent claims 18 and 29 from which each depends, respectively. The objection of claims 43-45 is now believed to be overcome.

3. Response To Claim Rejections

The Office Action on pages 4-8 rejects claims 18, 20, 29-33, and 38-40 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saund US 5,528,290 in view of Chevrette et al., U.S. Patent 5,744,179. In response thereto, this Amendment cancels claims 18, 20, 29-33, and 38-40, without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein, to place this Application in condition for allowance.

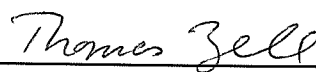
4. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, reconsideration of this application and allowance thereof are earnestly solicited. In the event the Examiner considers a

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personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is hereby requested to call Attorney for Applicant(s), Thomas Zell.

Respectfully submitted,

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